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SUBJECT: NEPALI PM OKAYS NON-LETHAL EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES

Classified By: Ambassador James F. Moriarty. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

¶1. (C) The Ambassador asked PM Koirala on August 13 whether the Prime Minister would approve delivery of Nepal's U.S.-financed Excess Defense Articles (EDA). Koirala replied, "Yes, please go ahead with that non-lethal equipment."

¶2. (C) This agreement to accept the EDA also solves a transportation problem for 500 night vision goggles the GON previously accepted for shipment. Since funds for a dedicated aircraft had been allocated by the GON for the EDA, the same aircraft can also be used for the night vision goggles.

Comment

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¶3. (C) The PM's decision presumably was driven partly by a desire not to lose the valuable equipment. The decision also reflects the GON's growing unease about Maoist intentions.  
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